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SUBJECT: SOVIET-ALGERIAN TECHNICAL TRAINING ACCORDS

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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USSR AND ALGERIA SIGNED TWO COOPERATION AGREEMENTS IN ALGIERS FEBRUARY 11 PROVIDING FOR SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN TECHNICAL TRAINING OF ALGERIANS. ACCORD WAS SIGNED FOR ALGERIA BY LOUANCHI OF MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND FOR SOVIETS BY (FNU) TITKIN, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR STATE TRAINING. ACCORDING TO EL MOUDJAHID, ACCORDS ARE BASED ON AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING RECENT MEETING OF ALGERIAN-SOVIET MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION (REFTEL).

2. TWO ACCORDS TOGETHER PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF 3440 SOVIET SUPPORTED INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TRAINING SLOTS IN FORTY TECHNICAL DISCIPLINES AT MANY CENTERS AROUND ALGERIA. THIS NUMBER OF POSITIONS IS ADDED, ACCORDING TO EL MOUDJAHID, TO THE 2600 SOVIET SUPPORTED TRAINING SLOTS NOW IN ALGERIA UNDER VARIOUS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE BEGUN IN 1964. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THE MIXED COMMISSION LOOKED FORWARD TO THE CREATION OF 5000 MORE

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TRAINING POSITIONS IN THE COMING YEARS, AND IN PARTICULAR

TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTRUCTOR TRAINING CENTER
WITH THE CAPACITY OF 1000.

3. THOUGH DISTINCTION BETWEEN TWO ACCORDS NOT CLEARLY
SPELLED OUT BY PRESS, ARTICLE DOES NOTE THAT UNDER TERMS
OF ONE ACCORD, 440 TRAINING SLOTS WILL BE FURNISHED BY
SOVIETS WITHOUT CHARGE. OTHER ACCORD PRESUMABLY
DETAILS COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMAINING 3000
POSITIONS. ACCORDS ALSO SPECIFY THAT TEACHING EQUIPMENT
WILL BE FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY TECO-EXPORT OVER A
PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: ALGERIAN-SOVIET ACCORDS ARE CLEARLY NOT AS
SIGNIFICANT AS PRESS PORTRAYAL. ASSUMING 20 STUDENTS PER
CLASS, THE NUMBER OF ENTIRELY SOVIET FINANCED TECHNICIANS
WOULD COME TO ONLY 22. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY INSTRUCTORS
WOULD THEN APPARENTLY BE AT LEAST PARTIALLY FINANCED BY
ALGERIA. PARKER

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